

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No. : 09/549,970

Group Art Unit 1627

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Examiner T. Prasthofer

For : CHEMICAL-LIBRARY COMPOSITION AND METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 3, 2001, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-25, respectively:

Please add the following new claims:

--26. A system for conducting a multiplexed array experiment comprising

(a) a surface,

(b) a set of at least two carriers, each of the at least two carriers having an  
optically detectable code that distinguishes it from the other carrier, and each of the at  
least two carriers carrying an analyte that is identifiable by the respective code on the  
carrier, the at least two carriers being arbitrarily distributed on the surface,

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